

KCC Alert



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Billboard Bill: A Bad Sign

SB 114, sponsored by Sen. Ernie Harris, started out bad enough, but it is getting worse as it winds its way through the legislature.

The original bill is the most recent incarnation of an often seen attempt by billboard owners to prune vegetation along roads near their signs. Basically, the industry wants permission to cut down trees in the public right of way that block the view of their billboards. The bill stipulates a zone of 500 ft to 750 ft along the highway.

To make it more palatable, the industry has included a provision requiring the trees be cut down by a certified arborist. The implication is that it is OK to slaughter public trees if it's done professionally.

Also included in the bill is a provision that was never discussed in committee allowing multi-message billboards containing up to three rotating signs. These signs have been illegal in Kentucky along Federal Highways. They are much more distracting than normal signs because the human eye is very sensitive to motion or change. They are a safety hazard because the changing of the message draws the eye and distracts the driver from the road.

According to Tom FitzGerald of Kentucky Resources Council, many Senators voting for this bill did not realize that the multiple message signs are currently illegal.

Before the bill surfaced from the Senate Transportation Committee it was amended to eliminate a provision that required all illegally erected advertising devices to be removed by July 1, 2005. It also was amended to make the \$100 a day fine for illegal billboards at the discretion of the Transportation. (Cont. pg. 2)

KCC To Do List:

- ❑ Ask House leadership and your Representative to vote against SB 114 (See Billboards..., left).
- ❑ Ask your Representative to support Net Metering (HB 490) and ask your Senator to support SB 247 (or HB 490) (See ...Metering Bills..., below).
- ❑ Ask your Representative and Senator to pass HB127 (see Pest Plant Board ..., below).

Scaled Back Net Metering Bills Move

House and Senate versions of bills to encourage the installation of residential solar energy panels have been modified into the same bill and are moving forward.

Of the two alternative Net Metering bills, HB 490 and SB 247, HB 490 was more broadly written to encourage small "green" power generators. HB 490 has passed favorably out of committee, but not before being scaled back to apply to small scale home installations only. SB 247 also passed favorably out of committee after being revised to match the new HB 490.

Net metering is the concept that any customer can generate electricity for their own use and sell their excess to the Power Company at the same tariff the customer pays.

Both bills now limit the program to solar energy only, whereas HB 490 originally included wind and other forms of environmentally friendly power generation.

Both bills now limit the generating capacity to 15 kilowatts. This limit will exclude the independent green-power generators HB 490 once attempted to encourage. It is also less than the cap of 100% of the customer's peak demand that SB 247 originally set.

With these changes, the program would now be capped when the cumulative customer generating capacity reaches one tenth of one percent of the utility's peak generating capacity.

These bills are still worth supporting. They are a step forward in the generation of solar electricity.

Net metering makes the installation of solar energy systems more economical and easy to use since the customer no longer has to install a battery system to store excess power for when the sun isn't shining. He simply sells his excess to the power company as he generates it and buys it back when he needs it. Other states have similar programs.

Pest Plant Board Sputters Forward

A bill to create a pest plant board nearly died in committee after a representative from the U.K Agriculture Department implied in testimony before the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee that if the Board was established it would move to restrict the planting of corn, soybeans and tobacco as invasive plants. It was further implied that this bill was the product of environmentalists with a hidden agenda. The source of this unfounded paranoia is unknown.

This unwarranted attack from left field caught Rep. Belcher, the Bill's sponsor off guard. Despite their efforts to instill fear in the committee, the bill was approved by committee and is awaiting a vote on the House floor.

HB 127 would create a Pest Plant Board within the Department of Natural Resource for the purpose of protecting the Commonwealth's land and waters, whether they are

The End is Near

There are thirteen days left in the legislative session. Any bill that hasn't been approved by the chamber in which it was introduced has a slim chance of being approved. If it has not been approved by a committee yet, its chances of passage are almost non-existent. As a general rule, a bill gets three readings before each chamber. That alone takes six days. There can and will be exceptions, so we will be staying alert to any movement of the bills we are tracking.

Bills that are Moving

SB 222 to extend the hazardous waste generator fee, which funds the cleanup of Kentucky Superfund toxic contamination sites passed the Senate and is waiting for a vote on the House floor. Similarly, HB 224, a bill to extend the petroleum storage tank replacement program for four more years has passed the Senate and is awaiting a vote on the House floor.

A bill to create a regulatory program for coal bed methane extraction, HB 577 (featured in the March 1 Alert), has passed the House and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Ag. & Natural Resources Committee.

HB 145, a bill that requires radon mitigation measures be taken in new construction for certain buildings in areas prone to radon problems is out committee and waiting for a vote on the House floor. The building named include houses, day care facilities and elementary schools. Mysteriously, another bill adding radon to the disclosure requirements in selling a home has been withdrawn.

A "takings" bill in the Senate has been defanged in committee. Originally, SB 89 (Roeding) required state agencies to evaluate all proposed government actions regulating the use of private property for the possibility that it may result in a taking of private property. The purpose of such bills is to hamstring the government so that nothing can be regulated. The bill now requires the Attorney General to write a guidance report summarizing state and federal constitutional law regarding the governmental taking of property. Another taking bill, HB 581, which does essentially what the amended SB 89 does, has been posted for a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee.

The Executive Branch Budget was approved by the House. No changes were made in the Natural Resources or Environmental Protection appropriations proposed by the Governor. A provision was added allowing the cabinet secretary to tap so called restricted funds for general operating budgets. There is an influx of restricted funds coming to the cabinet from fees related to the Kentucky Pride Program passed two years ago.

Bills That Need to Move

HB 388, a bill requiring that the provisions of local ethics ordinances (already mandated by law) be extended to cover local Planning Commissions and Zoning Boards of Adjustment, was approved by the House and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate state and Local Government Committee.

Companion resolutions have been introduced in the House and Senate (SJR 127 and HJR 196) to direct the Department for Environmental Protection to promulgate administrative regulations for emergency action plans for coal waste impoundment dams. These two bills are the most important environmental legislation introduced in this session. Neither has yet been heard in committee.

HCR 8, a resolution ordering a study of ways to complete the Big Sandy Trail passed the House on March 1 and sits in the Senate Economic, Development and Tourism Committee.

Pest Plant: Cont. from Pg. 1

developed, agricultural, or natural, from the negative impacts of invasive weeds. An invasive weed is defined as a nonnative, pest plant whose presence is detrimental to crops or other desirable plants, livestock, land, or other property, or is injurious to the public health. The mission of the board is to raise awareness and promote public understanding of the threat posed by invasive weeds; facilitate the exchange of information concerning the management and control of invasive weeds; and work to achieve these ends through existing state and local agencies, industries, and organizations. The board would have no regulatory authority.

Billboards: cont. from Pg. 1

Adding insult to injury, when the bill got to the Senate Floor, the bill's sponsor further amended the bill to expand vegetation control provisions to include highways other than interstates. The Senate approved the bill; it is now in the House for consideration.

Bills similar to this started appearing about 5 years ago after two attempts to get the Department of Transportation to promulgate regulations allowing the tree cutting. In each attempt with DOT the public outcry during the comment period was so great, the DOT refused to promulgate the regulations.

Roadside trees help filter air pollution, reduce rainfall runoff, mute noise, improve appearance, appeal to tourists, and sometimes block what would otherwise be blighted views. Kentucky provides sufficient controlled signs with logo signage at interstate exits. There is no need for this bill.

Ask House Leadership: Representatives Rocky Adkins, Joe Barrows, Larry Clark, Jody Richards, Jim Callahan, Jeff Hoover, Bob DeWeese, and Ken Upchurch to stop this bill.

Contacting Legislators

Who are my legislators? You can look up your legislators on the web at www.lrc.state.ky.us/whoswho/whoswho.htm or you can call your local county clerk. All they need is your address.

How do I communicate with them? There are several ways to communicate.

The legislative message line will get you an operator who will write down a message for you, no questions asked. Use the number listed under Legislative Message line in our phone number box. Call 8:00 AM to 11:00 pm.

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<p>Legislative Schedule March 1: Last Day for New House Bills March 3: Last Day for New Senate Bills March 26, 29: Concurrence with other chamber's bills March 30 - April 9: Governor's veto days, no meetings March 12-13: Veto override & final business</p>

<p>Legislative Information On the Internet The Bill summaries, status, the full text of all filed bills, the legislative calendar, legislators' email addresses, and more (updated daily) are available on the Legislative Research Commission's Web Site. http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/home.htm</p>

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Bill Summaries and KCC Position

Bill No	Position	Sponsor	Summary	Status
SCR 125	Support	Borders	Task force to examine the development of the Lexington/Big Sandy Rail Trail, and suggest a strategy for its completion.	S. Economic Dev. Tourism & Labor
SJR 3	Strong Oppose	Roeding	Declare the N. KY Emission testing program unconstitutional, illegal and unenforceable. House Modified it to require a state implementation plan with the testing program be developed	H. 2 nd reading, to Rules.
SJR 127	Strong Support	Jones	Direct the Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations for emergency action plans for coal waste impoundment dams.	S. Ag. & Nat. Resources
SB 3	Support	Tapp, Herron, Pendleton	Provide nonrefundable tax credits of \$1/gal for biodiesel producers, two cents per gallon for blenders, and one cent per gallon for retailers.	Sen. Approp. & Rev.
SB 10	Oppose	Seum, Roeding	Prohibit local anti-smoking ordinances for private property not leased or occupied by government. Retroactive.	Sen. State & Local Gov.
SB 22	Strong Support	Scoresone, Neal	Provide a tax credits for qualified rehabilitation expenses paid to rehabilitate a certified historic structure. (Smart Growth)	Sen. Approp. & Revenue
SB 33	Monitor	Karem	Allow state and local agencies involved in land use disputes to utilize alternative dispute resolution proceedings. (see HB133)	Returned to Sen. Judiciary
SB 50	Strong Oppose	Roeding Thayer	Restrict the use of emergency regulations.	Sen. State & Local Gov.

SB 58	Monitor	Denton	Establish a process to review all state government agency functions to determine which can be privatized.	Sen. State & Local Gov.
SB 68	Oppose	Harris	Deny tobacco settlement money to counties where a Gov. unit has regulated tobacco use.	Sen. Ag & Natural Resources
SB 69	Support	Harris	Expand the definition of nuisance wrt/contained landfills including odor, require the cabinet to establish permit conditions to stop such.	Sen. Ag. & Natural Resources
SB 76	Monitor	Denton	Transfer all hearing officers employed in the state to a Div of Administrative Hearings within the Justice Cabinet	Sen. Judiciary
SB 89	Monitor	Roeding	Attorney General to summarize state and federal constitutional law with regards to governmental takings in a guidance document.	2 nd Reading, to Rules
SB 114	Strong Oppose	Harris	Establish a process for owners of billboards to trim or prune vegetation obscuring them.	House, Uncommitted
SB130	Oppose	Seum	Prohibit local governments from adopting smoking policies in private buildings.	Recommitted to Sen. Approp. & Revenue
SB 154	Monitor	Kelly	Reorganize Env. Protection Cabinet per Governor's order	House 2 nd reading, to Rules
SB 164	Monitor	Boswell	Establish a "domestic use only" permit for drilling natural gas, eligibility requirements & permit application requirements.	S. Ag. & Natural Resources
SB 175	Support	Tapp	Disallow pesticide dealers from being applicators.	S. Licensing, Occupations etc
SB 197	Support	Westwood, Roeding	Allow sanitation districts to handle storm water systems. Raise fees for violating regulations. Allow private sewer co. to condemn property.	H. Posted Natural Resources & Environment
SB 222	Strong Support	Harris	Extend collection of the hazardous waste assessment fee until June 30, 2006, rather than June 30, 2004	H. 2 nd reading, to Rules
SB 224	Strong Support	Harris	Extend the petroleum storage tank removal program by 4 years.	H. 2 nd Reading, to Rules
SB 227	Support	Harris	Waste facility construction expansion permits resulting in substantial additional capacity to comply with public notice requirement.	S. Ag. & Natural Resources
SB 243	Strong Oppose	Boswell	Authorize local governments with sufficient staff expertise to issue building permits to landowners seeking to develop land in a floodplain.	S. State & Local Government
SB 247	Support	Harris	Require that electric utilities credit certain customer-generators using photovoltaic generators for the cost of any excess power generated by those customers which is fed back into the electric grid. See HB 490.	S. 2 nd reading, to Rules
SB 263	Support	Gutherie, Sanders	Establish regulatory mechanism for coal bed methane wells. See HB 566	S. Ag & Natural Resources
SB 267		Palmer	Fishing/Hunting license to be revoked for not appearing with regard to citation or summons for violating fish & wildlife rules	S. Ag & Natural Resources
SB 271	Support	Leeper, Harris	Tax credit for brownfield site remediation costs.	S. Approp & Revenue
HCR 8	Support	Vincent	Create task force to suggest a strategy to complete the Lexington/Big Sandy Rail Trail	S. Econ. Dev, Tourism & Labor
HCR 114	Monitor	Denham	Urge the Division of Conservation to give greater consideration to unsuccessful previous applicants for soil erosion and water quality cost share program.	S. Ag & Natural Resources
HJR 12	Strong Oppose	Marcotte	Direct Health & Natural Resources Cabinet to shutter N. KY Vet prog.	Posted H. Local Government
HJR 98	Support	Gooch, Gray, Nesler	Declare emergency regs for noncoal mines deficient; require new emergency regs same as previous noncoal mining regs.	In House for concurrence with Senate Amendment
HJR 196	Strong Support	Webb, et al	Direct the Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations for emergency action plans for coal waste impoundment dams.	H. Natural Resources & Env.
HR 173	Strong Support	Riggs, et al	Urge Louisville officials to pursue lawful remedies and means for reducing pollution at the Gallagher Plant.	H. Adopted
HB 41	Support	Yonts	Require anhydrous ammonia storage areas owned by any wholesaler, retailer, or dealer be enclosed by a wire fence	H. Ag & Small Business
HB 53	Monitor	Marcotte, Walton	Exempt cars and trucks four model years and newer from mandatory vehicle emission testing	Posted H. Local Government
HB 66	Monitor	Gray	Preempt local laws, relating to the use or consumption of tobacco	H. Posted Local Government
HB 127	Strong Support	Belcher	Establish the Pest Plant Board to identify and coordinate a statewide response to invasive plant species	H. 2 nd reading, to Rules
HB 132	Support	Webb	Require education about prevention, detection, and remediation of toxic mold or other indoor environmental toxins, for any person seeking licensure HVAC contractor	Sen. State & Local Gov.
HB 133	Monitor	Brinkman	Allow state and local agencies involved in land use disputes to utilize alternative dispute resolution proceedings (see SB33)	H. Judiciary
HB 145	Support	Hoffman	Require radon mitigation in new residential dwellings, daycare, and public/priv. elementary schools located in zones w/high radon levels.	H. 2 nd reading, to rules

HB 155	Support	Marzian, Buckingham	Require all-terrain vehicle drivers be 16 or over & wear protective headgear.	H. Transportation
HB 179	Oppose	Coleman	Exempt local governments from obtaining a stream construction permit when reconstructing, improving, or replacing an existing structure.	H. Natural Resources & Env. posting withdrawn
HB 197	Support	Hoffman	Add radon to seller's disclosure of conditions prior to sale of residential property.	Withdrawn
HB 202	Monitor	Adams	Require wastewater treatment entities furnishing treatment services to customers of another sewer system to pay just compensation; grant the power of eminent domain over sewage treatment facilities; permit entities to recover costs through surcharge to customers	Sen. 2 nd reading, to Rules
HB 281	Support	McKee et al	Require all state-proposed projects acquiring 50+ acres of farmland and converting it to non-farm use be reported to a committee to submit to the Governor with the committee's findings and recommendations.	Sen. Ag. & Natural Resources
HB 301	Monitor	McKee	Require unobligated money in the waste tire trust fund be used for projects to manage and develop markets for waste tires, including projects that use crumb rubber for athletic fields as a first priority.	House Posted for passage in regular orders of the day
HB 349	Strong Oppose	Meeks, et al	Establish a lead free certification program for property. Relieve owner of certified property from liability.	H Health & Welfare
HB 355	Monitor	Nelson	Create designation of "classified forest" Provide tax incentives.	H Posted Nat. Resrces & Env.
HB 369	Strongly Oppose	Collins, Hall	Sets a 15-day limit for health departments to respond to requests for on-site sewage disposal system evaluations and permit approval.	Sen. Ag & Natural Resources
HB 370	Oppose	Collins, Hall	Surface discharge for on-site sewage systems to be permitted by the local health department within 15 days.	Posted H Natural Resources & Env.
HB 388	Strong Support	Wayne, Riggs	Sets ethics and training requirements for zoning boards	Senate State & Local Gov.
HB 395		Hoover	Executive Branch Budget	Sen. Approp. & Revenue
HB 423	Support	Callahan	\$0.25 per vehicle/month of Vehicle Emissions Testing fees to go to county clerk where vehicle is registered.	H. 2 nd reading to Rules
HB 444	Monitor	Denham	Limits the liability of persons who have agritourism operations.	H. Recommitted Judiciary
HB 451	Strong Support	Simpson, Callahan	Tax credits for historic property rehabilitation and new homes built as historic area infill complying with standards of KY Heritage Council.	H. Approp. & Revenue
HB 478	Support	Riner	Prohibit all-terrain vehicle (ATV) on any public highway; require Kentucky residents under the age of 16 to have a youth ATV license.	H. Transportation
HB 490	Strong Support	Wayne, Napier	Require every retail electric supplier to provide net metering to any eligible customer-generator. See SB 247.	H. Posted for passage in Reg Orders, March 5
HB 499	Support	Webb	Improves access to black lung compensation fund.	H. 2 nd Reading, to Rules
HB 505	Oppose	Ballard	\$2.00 per ton tax credit for the purchase of coal combustion by-product for use as construction aggregate or fill material; sunset in five years	H. Approp. & Revenue
HB 537	Oppose	Smith	Create expedited process to settle damage claims from mining operations	H. Posted for passage in Reg orders, March 5
HB 538	Support Conditionally	Nunn	Prohibit legislative agents from making campaign contributions to a candidate for Governor or slate; Lt. Governor to run on separate slate	H. Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergov. Af
HB 543	Support	Marcotte	Require strip or steep slope non-coal miners to obtain certification from the county fiscal court that county roads will not be degraded or submit a transportation impact plan to the cabinet.	H. Natural Resources & Env.
HB 556	Monitor	Gooch, et al	Establish regulatory mechanism for coal bed methane wells.	H. Posted Natural Res & Env.
HB 576	Support	Buckingham, et al	Create an educational program on the dangers, risks, and injuries associated with the operation of all-terrain vehicles.	H. Transportation
HB 577	Support	Buckingham	Establish regulatory mechanism for coal bed methane wells.	S. Ag, & Natural Resources
HB 581	Monitor	Clark, Walton	Require the Attorney General develop guidelines to enable state and local governments to evaluate whether proposed regulatory or administrative actions would result in a loss of private property value. (takings)	H. Posted Judiciary
HB 584	Support	Denham	Permit local governments to pass nuisance ordinances allowing the removal of junk automobiles or mobile homes.	H. Posted Local Government
HB 609	Strong Oppose	Thomas & Comer	Administrative regulations must be reviewed by a "small business" board, which can reject them for any reason.	H. Posted for passage in Regular orders, March 9
HB 628	Support	Vincent	Additional reporting requirements for junk car yards.	H. Natural Resources & Env.
HB 638	Strong Support	Palumbo, Thompson	Provide a tax credits for qualified rehabilitation expenses paid to rehabilitate a certified historic structure. (Smart Growth) see SB 22	H. Approp. & Revenue
HB 649	Strong Oppose	Palumbo	Regulatory "relief" for "small businesses" (<100 employees)"	H. Posted Economic Dev.
HB 664	Oppose	Calahan, et al	New gasoline taxes for road construction. Robs underground storage tank funding for roads.	H. Approp. & Revenue

HB 670	Oppose	Arnold	Remove campaign finance limits to allow contributions post election	H. 2 nd reading, to Rules
HB 686	Oppose	Pasley	Prevent local governments from being charged tapping fees or for upgrades of water systems	H. Tourism Development and Energy
HB 710	Support	Thomas,Moberly	Tax credits for producers of ethanol and biodiesel fuels. See SB 3	H. Posted Ag. & Small Bus.

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